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SUBJ: KIWAIT PRESS REPORT ON REMOVAL OF FRENCH TROOPS FROM DJIBOUTI

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REF: DJIBOUTI 422 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY WAS RECENTLY PROVIDED COPY OF FOUR COLUMN INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED WHICH RECENTLY APPEARED IN ARABIC IN KUWAITI PUBLICATION "AL SIASA," (POLITICS). COPY PROVIDED EMBASSY IS UNDATED, BUT HAS LARGE PHOTO OF HASSAN GOULED.

2. THIS ARTICLE IS CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DISQUIET IN DJIBOUTI BECAUSE IT QUOTES PRESIDENT AS CALLING FOR DEPARTURE OF FRENCH TROOPS IN DJIBOUTI TO BE REPLACED BY AN ARAB PEACE FORCE. THE ARTICLE ALSO ALLEGES THAT THE PRESIDENT INDICATED HIS HOPES FOR AN EVENTUAL UNION WITH SOMALIA.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT, WHO SPOKE OF ARTICLE WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR, THE INTERVIEW BEARS LITTLE OR NO RELATION TO THE ACTUAL CONVERSATION THAT TAKES PLACE. THE PRESIDENT TOLD THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT BOTH OF THE ABOVE COMMENTS ARE REDICULOUS AND THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH TROOPS WOULD LEAD TO IMMEDIATE DISASTER, AS WOULD UNION WITH SOMALIA.

4. DESPITE FACT THAT PHOTOCOPIES OF THIS ARTICLE ARE EVIDENTLY BEING PASSED AROUND DJIBOUTI WITH ABANDON, PRESIDENT GOULED HAS MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT OF ANY KIND TO HALT SPREAD OF MALICIOUS, NO DOUBT SOMALI-INSPIRED, VERSION OF HIS REMARKS. THIS LACK OF RESPONSE IS TYPICAL OF DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL ABSENCE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS POLICY.

5. COPY OF ARTICLE WAS GIVEN EMBASSY BY RECENT AFAR DELEGATION (REFTEL) WHO WERE WILLING TO TAKE KUWAITI VERSION OF HASSAN GOULED'S REMARKS AS GOSPEL.
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